

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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NATIONAL DROUGHT POLICY
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government propose to formulate National Drought Policy for the benefit of those States which are facing persistent droughts;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) by when, a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

(a) to (c): Government has decided to entrust the task of preparing a 'Drought Manual' to the National Institute of Disaster Management which shall provide suggestive guide- lines to States to prepare for and deal with droughts, including successive droughts.